

with its accompanying advice to his hearers to so vote as to deal a crushing blow to the "whole nest of vipers" was particularly significant, and this portion of the discourse was given particular attention by reason of existing conditions which confront the people of this community, demanding heroic treatment. The sting of the political asp, poisoning the very foundation of local government being considered one of the great dangers of the hour.

Rev Copp is a young man, a Virginian by birth, who has had much experience in travel, and rich experiences in religious work. He is an ex-editor, having had experience in both daily and weekly journalism. He is pleasant in address, affable in manner and easily accessible.

#### Salisbury, Pa.

Preaching was the order of service for two nights in the Salisbury charge. Holy communion was celebrated Sabbath night. Two members were added by relation. This aggregates eighteen accessions during the last five months. We have now nearly one hundred members, all spiritually warm, and thoroughly devoted to the cause, well organized for work in every department, and able to help others; and this accomplished in less than four years; and, as brother I. D. Bowman says of the New Jersey pastorate, without one cent from any Mission Board. I should have stated that we own our church house, employ the pastor for full time, and nestle him cozily in a home called the parsonage.

Fraternally,

J. C. MACKEY, Pastor.

Elk Lick, Pa.

#### Millersburg Church, Iowa

This church has been without a pastor for nearly a year, as I had resigned over a year ago in favor of another man, but things did not go well and the church voted that he should be relieved and as I had contracted to preach for the Udell church they were out until this fall I resigned at Udell and took up the work again, and I am glad to report one addition by baptism in the last week, a promising young man; his father has also concluded to be baptized.

I am preaching at Brooklyn at present, every two weeks until other arrangements can be made. This church has its ups and its downs, and when I view the results of years of labor spent at this place by so many able ministers I am impressed with the importance of deeper spiritual work with a more thorough teaching of divine truth. It is true that able sermons that produce mirth, emotion and wonder move the masses and cause men and women to join church but it requires spirituality and divine truth to make Christians. What we need is more Holy Ghost religion and Bible truth. No doubt the able ministers that have been preaching at Brooklyn thought they were doing this. But reader did it ever enter your mind that you can preach too able to teach truth

(man's ability). Give pure water to a friend in a tin cup and he will remark what good water. Give him the same water in a gold cup and he may observe what a beautiful cup and to assert that Brooklyn has had too much of able and beautiful preaching for her good may seem a strange position to take but nevertheless I believe it. If any one doubt this give me a solution of the Brooklyn problem.

I hear the able ministers ask, what shall I do then? Not preach so able? Yes, put less oration, less beauty, less of that which makes men and women weep and laugh and put in more teaching of truth so when meeting is out they will converse of the truth you taught and not so apt to observe what a fine speaker you are. We have all heard of the old lady that came home telling of what a good preacher and grand sermon she heard but could not tell the text or a single thing he said but she knew she had the effect in her heart; but effect is the result of cause if the cause is not abiding the effect will not be, so when the preacher is gone the effect will go, but if she had got some of the truth it would have been abiding.

JOHN A. MYERS.

#### Pleasant Hill, Ohio

It has been some time since I have contributed to your columns, so today being Thanksgiving day I am prompted to write this article. While we contemplate the goodness of God, and the manifold blessings which we have received from him, and how he has protected and guided us as a nation, we are more than ever impressed with the importance of a day of special thanksgiving. We look around us and we see the hand of God dealing out to us the necessities of life. Yes, there is seed time and harvest. A liberal sowing and a bountiful reaping.

Indeed every branch of industry seems to be prospering under the divine guidance of an all-wise Creator. Food and clothing and luxuries, surely God should be praised, and not only has God made such wonderful provisions for our temporal welfare, but when this nation heard the cry of humanity coming from Cuba, laboring as they were under the tyrannical hand of Spain, then America with its advanced civilization and its religious principles arise in the name of God, for the sake of humanity and humanity's God, went to their rescue, and today Cuba is free. Surely a door is opened for the introduction of education and the Christian's religion. While we disapprove of war yet we believe this to be a warfare for humanity. We believe that our chief executive, William McKinley is a broad minded Christian man. He was slow to enter into war, but the time had come in which Cuba should be free from the tyrannical hand of Spain. Hence this war was for the freedom of an oppressed people, and as God has blessed the American powers, let us thank his holy name for there are other nations to conquer, other victories to gain. Today we are reviewing a little of our past since entering into the Christian

ministry, over four years ago, your humble servant accepted the pastorate of the West Independence church, moved among them an entire stranger, but soon became acquainted and learned to love them. Many happy experiences were ours while there. While laboring among them I was made to rejoice by seeing fifteen precious souls added to the church. As a matter of fact we had hard opposition to contend with, but when the time came for separation we were made sad, it was one of the hard tasks of life. Brethren and sisters, we loved you with a Christian love, and though we are separated there we are united I trust for eternity. May the Lord bless you and keep you faithful that we may be permitted to meet in heaven, but while I was pained to leave the church there I feel that I have found a home here in the Pleasant Hill church. This church called me to their aid. I find them to be a kind-hearted Christian people who are trying to make us feel at home among them. We trust that as our love may increase and that the cause of God may prosper, and that the church may grow in interest and numbers, and for this we shall labor and pray, seeking divine guidance. Brethren pray for the cause here, that it may prosper.

Respectfully,

M. S. WHITE.

#### Old Dominion

The meeting at St. Luke, Va., closed last week with nine additions. Bro. Wisman is the pastor of the flock there. A young man strong in the doctrine was with him in the work and found his people steadfast in the faith. I am now at Delbeck, Va. So far have three applicants, more to follow.

E. B. SHAVER.

Maurertown, Va.

#### Gretna, Ohio

At a meeting held by the Brethren at Gretna, on Saturday evening, Nov. 12.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Bro. Kaylor, trustee; bro. Andrew Detrick, treasurer; sister Minnie Snapp, secretary; sister Hattie Miller, corresponding secretary; sister Mame Miller and Addie Detrick, organists.

We also decided to ask that the State Convention be held at Gretna next year. Pray for us.

HATTIE MILLER, Cor. Sec.

#### Announcements

The Brethren church of Sidney, Ind., will hold their communion Saturday evening, Dec. 3, commencing at seven o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Services Sunday morning and evening.

C. O. KETROW.

The Brethren church at Dutch Town will be dedicated on the first Sunday of December. Services conducted by C. F. Yoder. Brethren of the adjoining churches, encourage this mission point by your presence. Dismiss your meeting and come over.

B. H. FLORA, State Evangelist.